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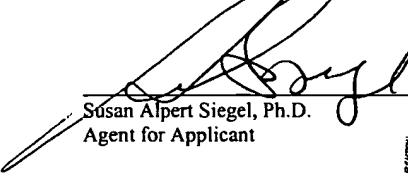
For: RECOMBINANT MHC MOLECULES USEFUL
FOR MANIPULATION OF ANTIGEN-
SPECIFIC T-CELLS

Examiner: Decloux, Amy M.

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AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 18

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action, dated April 22, 2003, for which a one month period for reply has been set, making a response due on or before May 22, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 8-19 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1A shows the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 1) and corresponding amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 2) sequences of the prototypical $\beta 1\alpha 1$ cassette without an antigen coding region. Unique NcoI, PstI, and XhoI restriction sites are in **bold**. The end of the $\beta 1$ domain and start of the $\alpha 1$ domain are indicated. Fig. 1B shows the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 3) and corresponding amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 4) sequences of an in-frame antigenic peptide/linker insertion sequence that can be incorporated into the expression cassette at the insertion site shown in Fig. 1A. This sequence includes the rat MBP-72-89 antigen, a flexible linker with an embedded thrombin

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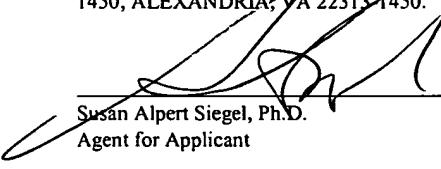
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For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	8	- 58*	=	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	0	10**	=	\$84.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)					\$280.00
One-month Extension of Time					\$110.00
Two-month Extension of Time					\$410.00
Three-month Extension of Time					\$930.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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No additional fee is required.



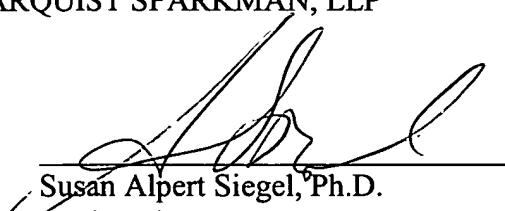
Please charge any fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- A Marked-up Version of Amended Specification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
- Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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